

## MEETING OF

### THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, July 9, 2008, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman

Lyn Davenport, Secretary

L. Allen Messick, Jr., Treasurer

Joseph Wick

Michael Scuse, Secretary of Agriculture

Ann Visalli (representing Jack Markell, State Treasurer)

Kevin Coyle (representing John Hughes, Secretary of DNREC)

Absent: William Vanderwende, Theodore P. Bobola, Jr., and G. Ray Staats.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Cathy Mesick, Scott Blaier, and Danielle Klosowski.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Esq., and Mr. Michael Brown.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting with prayer at 8:30 a.m.

#### I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 980 farms in preservation districts totaling 148,443 acres, with a total of 504 farms under agricultural easements totaling 87,988 acres at a cost of \$149,991,592. For PDR 14 there are a total of 106 farms comprising 11,950 acres with a value of \$149,250,000. For PDR 15 there are a total of 10 farms, comprising 612 acres, with a value of \$10,068,000. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 28 Areas comprising 2,265 acres. For PDR 14 for Forestland Preservation there is a total of 24 Areas, comprising 2,131 acres.

#### II. Expansion eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Bullock Expansion of the Adam/Holloway District, ID#K-08-05-039J. After discussion, **Joseph Wick moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Bullock Expansion of the Adam/Holloway District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. Caveneck Farm Expansion of the Diamond #2 District, ID#S-08-05-084A. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Caveneck Farm Expansion of the Diamond #2 District, seconded by Joseph Wick. Motion unanimously approved.**

3. Oasis at Cypress Ridge Expansion of the McNatt-Outten District, ID#N-08-06-180C. After discussion, **Joseph Wick moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Oasis at Cypress Ridge Expansion of the McNatt-Outten District, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

**Secretary Scuse waived his right of veto for the above expansions.**

#### III. Public Comments – No public comments were received.

#### IV. Minutes:

1. Chairman Garey asked if there were additions or corrections to the June 11, 2008 minutes. Receiving no additions or corrections to the minutes, **Kevin Coyle moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Joseph Wick. Motion unanimously approved.**

#### V. Financial Highlights:

1. Cathy Mesick informed the Foundation Board that we had, as of June 30, 2008, \$10,495.00 in the Foundation's checking account. The Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account had a balance of \$110,637.02. We received \$359.06 revenue from rollback taxes and \$263.00 interest income. Expenditures for the month of June totaled \$48,855.64. After discussion, **Lyn Davenport moved the Financial Report be approved as presented, seconded by Allen Messick, Jr. Motion unanimously approved.**

VI. Executive Session

Chairman Garey asked if an Executive Session was necessary. Michael Parkowski indicated it was not necessary.

VII. Other Business.

Michael McGrath informed the Board that we shall be closing our Foundation checkbook and that the money we used to disburse through the checkbook would now go through the State of Delaware interest bearing account. He also informed the Board that we anticipate having \$6M instead of \$10M from the State for PDR 14 and a County match of \$6M which will be used only on County selected properties without a dollar for dollar match with State funds. We anticipate \$5.2M from the Federal government.

Michael McGrath mentioned the old wording in the Bond Bill concerning the Delaware State University Kenton Research Farm, known as Hickory Hill, will be removed from the Bond Bill for fiscal year 2010.

VIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on August 13, 2008 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lyn Davenport  
Secretary